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## LWR TAKES THE STAGE AT FORBES AGTECH SUMMIT

*The smartest minds at the intersection of Silicon Valley and global agriculture converge at the Forbes AgTech Summit to tackle critical challenges and showcase the latest innovations for farmers, investors and stakeholders of global food systems.*

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**SALINAS, CA (June 26, 2019)** – LWR Co-Founder and CEO Karen Schuett has been invited to take the stage at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Forbes AgTech Summit this week in Salinas, California. The Forbes AgTech Summit brings together insights and innovation from the best in the field. From biotech to precision farming, to big data's role in feeding a planet that will soon reach nine billion people, the summit will explore topics at the heart of technology, entrepreneurialism and agriculture.



Steve Forbes speaks at the 2018 Forbes AgTech Summit where the world's biggest agricultural leaders, investors and entrepreneurs convene to find solutions to some of the world's most critical food & ag challenges.

During the event, 2019's most valuable AgriFood tech accelerator will be hosting a demo day, to showcase the world's most promising AgTech startups. THRIVE, a global AgriFood innovation platform in Silicon Valley, accelerates, invests, and works with entrepreneurs, investors and Fortune 500 corporations to advance the future of food and agriculture.

Ms. Schuett will spend the summit showcasing LWR's manure treatment platform to America's most influential agriculture leaders. The patented process technology treats livestock manure to produce concentrated manure fertilizers and clean water.



The food industry is undergoing rapid transformation and LWR's cutting edge technology speaks to the heart of this paradigm shift. Not only is the system revolutionizing how food is grown and processed, but it is solving one of the key challenges of producing 70% more food by 2050.

"When we think about the **Future of Food**, there is no greater concern than how we are going to feed the world's growing population in a way that protects and regenerates our planet more than we have at any other time in the history of food production," says Schuett.



As one of the few women to head a Fortune 500 company, Beth Ford has been recognized as one of Fortune's Most Powerful Women, Time Magazine's Firsts and one of Fast Company's Best Leaders of 2018.

The Forbes AgTech Summit brings together the most influential leaders in agriculture. Among the key speakers is Beth Ford, President & CEO of [Land O'Lakes, Inc.](#) Land O'Lakes, one of America's premier agribusiness and food companies, is a member-owned cooperative with industry-leading operations, known for their commitment to sustainability.

The event will be headlined by Sonny Perdue, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Other notable speakers include Krysta Harden, Executive Vice President of Global Environmental Strategy with [The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy](#); John Hartnett, Founder and CEO of [SVG Ventures-THRIVE Agrifood](#); Tom Nassif, President & CEO, [Western Growers Association](#); Ertharin Cousin, Former Ambassador to the [UN World Food Programme](#) & Distinguished Fellow at the [Center on Food Security and the Environment, Stanford University](#); and Steve Forbes, Chairman & Editor-in-Chief of [Forbes](#).

The interest in manure treatment, nutrient densification, and water recovery is growing exponentially around the world. "Food production is a global conversation and we are proud to offer a global solution. There is a better way to manage manure and the world wants to hear about it. We are grateful to Forbes and Thrive for giving us this opportunity to share how we can help farmers feed more people, using less resources!" adds Schuett.

"From big data and analytics, to robotics, next gen farms, and biotechnology, LWR and fellow THRIVE V cohorts are addressing key agriculture and food challenges such as food safety/security, labor shortages, resource constraint, and environmental concerns" says Jonathan Hua, THRIVE Accelerator Manager. "We are excited to help facilitate this platform that showcases the important work of these Startups to the world's biggest agricultural leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs who are here to find solutions to some of the world's most critical food and ag challenge."

*Thrive Demo Day at Forbes AgTech Summit will take place on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.*



**About FORBES AgTech Summit:**

The 2019 Forbes AgTech Summit (June 26-27, 2019) will bring together over 600 global agriculture leaders and entrepreneurs to tackle some of the world’s most critical challenges. Held once again under the big tents on historic Main Street Salinas — where the Silicon and Salinas Valleys meet — the Summit will foster lively debate and generate rich networking opportunities. You’ll be introduced to the latest technology startups-to-watch within the global agricultural ecosystem, as we challenge minds to think bigger and bolder. This Year’s Theme: The Future of Food. Join the conversation with the hashtag #forbesagtech, or visit them online: <https://www.forbes.com/forbes-live/event/2019-agtech-summit/>

**About Thrive**

THRIVE, named AgFunder’s 2019 Most Valuable AgriFood Technology Accelerator, is a global AgTech innovation platform in Silicon Valley that accelerates, invests, and works with entrepreneurs, investors and Fortune 500 corporations to advance the future of the food and agriculture. The THRIVE Accelerator supports seed stage startups from all areas of the value chain whose technologies drive us towards a more efficient, sustainable, and secure agriculture future. The 10 companies selected benefit from a 4 month, virtual and in-person accelerator program that provides mentorship from top leaders across industries, direct access to the largest agriculture companies and farmers located in the Salinas and Central California growing regions, and investment. The program begins in January and culminates in June at Demo Day at the Forbes AgTech Summit. For more information, visit: <http://www.thriveagrifood.com/>

**About Livestock Water Recycling:**

LWR is an award-winning global manufacturer of manure treatment systems that provide hog, dairy and anaerobic digester operations with patented manure treatment technology to recycle clean water and fertilizer nutrients from livestock manure for reuse at the farm. LWR’s manure treatment platforms have become the most sought-after sustainability solution in the world by global livestock producers who are looking grow more crops and produce more food using less money and fewer resources. LWR has systems operating throughout North America and the Middle East. For more information please visit: <http://www.livestockwaterrecycling.com>

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